

November 8, 2018

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on November 8, 2018, 01:31 p.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Kroshus and Fedorchak.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of October 24, 2018, be approved.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Compliance Division  
Grain Warehouse and Grain Buyer  
Update

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission acknowledge the issuance of the following grain buyer licenses, all of which became effective during the month of October 2018.

ROVING GRAIN BUYER LICENSES			
Business Name	Location	Projected Purchases (bu.)	Effective Date
Advanced Sunflower, LLC	Huron, SD	350,000	10/1/2018
JSW Grain, LLC	Fargo, ND	1,000,000	10/31/2018

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Compliance Division  
Auctioneer and Auction Clerk Update

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission acknowledge the issuance of the following new auction clerk license which became effective during the month of October 2018.

AUCTION CLERK LICENSE		
Auction Clerk Name	Location	Effective Date
Vold Auctioneers & Realty, Inc.	Britton, SD	10/16/2018

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-270  
Northern States Power Company  
Advance Prudence - Biomass PPAs  
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a filing fee refund in the amount of \$135,616.16 in Northern States Power Company, Advance Prudence – Biomass PPAs, Application, Case No. PU-17-270.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-271  
Northern States Power Company  
Deferred Accounting - Biomass PPAs  
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a filing fee refund in the amount of \$22,183.65 in Northern States Power Company, Deferred Accounting – Biomass PPAs, Application, Case No. PU-17-271.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-322  
Northern States Power Company  
Deferred Accounting - Laurentian PPA  
Termination  
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a filing fee refund in the amount of \$22,678.68 in Northern States Power Company, Deferred Accounting – Laurentian PPA Termination, Application, Case No. PU-17-322.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-224  
Dakota Natural Gas, LLC  
Natural Gas System - Drayton, ND  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a filing fee refund in the amount of \$9,964.36 in Dakota Natural Gas, LLC, Natural Gas System – Drayton, ND, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. Case No. PU-18-224.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-323  
Otter Tail Power Company  
Mike Striha - McHenry County  
Public Convenience & Necessity

WITHDRAWN

Case No. PU-18-370  
Public Service Commission  
Summit Utility Services, LLC  
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission close Public Service Commission, Summit Utility Services, LLC, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-18-370

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-11-662  
Allete Clean Energy, Inc.  
100 MW Clean Energy #1 Wind Pjc -  
Mercer & Morton  
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the site plan access road shifts filed October 11, 2018 in ALLETE Clean Energy, Inc., 100 MW Clean Energy #1 Wind Pjc – Mercer & Morton, Siting Application, Case No. PU-11-662.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-18-356  
Forbes Equity Exchange  
License No. 290 - Forbes, ND  
Suspension

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order Revoking Warehouse License and Ordering Return of License in Forbes Equity Exchange, License No. 290 – Forbes, ND, Suspension, Case No. GE-18-356.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-373  
Midcontinent Communications  
Designated Eligible Carrier  
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Midcontinent Communications, Designated Eligible Carrier, Application, Case No. PU-18-373.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-18-377  
Reimers Seed Co.  
License No. 1148 - Carrington, ND  
Discontinue Business

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order Granting Request to Discontinue Business in Reimers Seed Co., License No. 1148 – Carrington, ND, Discontinue Business, Case No. GE-18-377.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-18-378  
Cargill, Incorporated  
License No. 1066 - Spiritwood, ND  
Discontinue Business

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order Granting Request to Discontinue Business in Cargill, Incorporated, License No. 1066 – Spiritwood, ND, Discontinue Business, Case No. GE-18-378.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-19  
Northern States Power Company  
Customer Credit - DOE Settlement  
2014 - 2016  
Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Northern States Power Company, Customer Credit – DOE Settlement 2014 – 2016, Application, Case No. PU-16-19 and Northern States Power Company, Earnings Sharing – 2017, Rates, Case No. PU-18-200.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-200  
Northern States Power Company  
Earnings Sharing - 2017  
Rates

Case No. PU-17-75  
Great Plains Natural Gas Co.  
Gas Service  
Tariff and Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Great Plains Natural Gas Co., Gas Service, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-17-75.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-156  
Northern States Power Company  
Tax Reform Effects - Gas Utility  
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Settlement in Northern States Power Company, Tax Reform Effects – Gas Utility, Rates, Case No. PU-18-156.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-313  
Public Service Commission  
Northern Improvement Company  
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Consent Agreement in Public Service Commission, Northern Improvement Company, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-18-313.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-364  
Northern States Power Company  
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery  
(2019)  
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Northern States Power Company, Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2019), Rates, Case No. PU-18-364.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-368  
Northern States Power Company  
Renewable Resource Cost Recovery  
(2019)  
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Northern States Power Company, Renewable Resource Cost Recovery (2019), Rates, Case No. PU-18-368.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-336  
Langdon Wind, LLC / Langdon  
Renewables, LLC  
Transfer of Site Certificate  
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Reissuing Certificate in Langdon Wind, LLC / Langdon Renewables, LLC, Transfer of Site Certificate, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-336.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-11-69  
Meadowlark Wind I LLC  
New Frontier Wind Energy Project -  
McHenry County  
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Intent to Amend Order and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Meadowlark Wind I, LLC, New Frontier Wind Energy Project – McHenry County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-11-69.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-18-375  
Public Service Commission  
Kent Anderson and Green Leaf  
Commodities, LLC  
Ex Parte Cease & Desist

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission appoint Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco and Konrad Crockford as advocacy staff effective October 25, 2018 in Public Service Commission, Kent Anderson and Green Leaf Commodities, LLC, Ex Parte Cease & Desist, Case No. GE 18-375.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-199  
Public Service Commission  
Diamond Willow Energy LLC  
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission appoint John Schuh and Victor Schock as advocacy staff effective October 17, 2018, in Public Service Commission, Diamond Willow Energy LLC, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-18-199.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-201  
Public Service Commission  
CenturyLink Communications, LLC  
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission appoint John Schuh and Victor Schock as advocacy staff effective September 21, 2018, in Public Service Commission, CenturyLink Communications, LLC, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-18-201.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-308  
Public Service Commission  
CenturyLink Communications, LLC  
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission appoint John Schuh and Victor Schock as advocacy staff effective September 21, 2018, in Public Service Commission, CenturyLink Communications, LLC, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-18-308.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-334  
Public Service Commission  
Windsong Contracting LLC  
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission appoint John Schuh and Victor Schock as advocacy staff effective October 15, 2018, in Public Service Commission, Windsong Contracting LLC, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-18-334.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-302  
Burke Wind, LLC  
Burke Wind Transmission Line – Burke  
& Mountrail  
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission retain Mitch Armstrong, Brian Schmidt, and Sarah Wall to provide legal services to assist the Commission in processing Burke Wind, LLC, Burke Wind Transmission Line, Burke and Mountrail Counties, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-302 and Burke Wind, LLC, Burke County Wind Energy Center, Burke County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-344.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-344  
Burke Wind, LLC  
Burke County Wind Energy Center –  
Burke County  
Siting Application

Case No. PU-18-351  
Aurora Wind Project, LLC  
345 kV Transmission Line – Williams  
and Mountrail  
Siting Application

Case No. PU-18-352  
Aurora Wind Project, LLC  
Aurora Wind Project – Williams County  
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission retain Zachary Pelham to provide legal services to assist the Commission in processing Aurora Wind Project, LLC, 345 kV Transmission Line, Williams and Mountrail, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-351 and Aurora Wind Project, LLC, Aurora Wind Project, Williams County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-352.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 3:47 P.M.

  
Executive Secretary

  
RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIRMAN